

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24

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A RESOLUTION to commend Senator Bill Ketron for his honorable and astute service as Chairman of the Fiscal Review Committee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bill Ketron is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, first elected in 2002 to serve in the Senate for the 103rd General Assembly, Senator Ketron was a member of the Rutherford County Commission from 1990 to 1998, where he served as Chairman of the Health and Education Committee, Budget Committee, Public Works Committee, and Public Safety Committee; and

WHEREAS, a highly successful businessman in the insurance industry, Senator Bill Ketron has been a member of the prestigious Fiscal Review Committee since 2007 and was elected to serve as Chairman in 2009, having previously served as Chairman of the Contracts Subcommittee from 2007 to 2008; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary six-year tenure as Chairman of the Fiscal Review Committee, Senator Ketron distinguished himself as a diligent and dedicated steward of the State's finances and as an exceptional asset to the committee; and

WHEREAS, committed to fiscal accountability and governmental transparency, Senator Ketron passed legislation in 2013 to require the Fiscal Review Committee to include commerce impact statements, initiated the Public Chapter Review by the staff of Fiscal Review in 2010, and won passage of the Procurement Reform Act of 2010 to install a state procurement process that was both fair and efficient; and

WHEREAS, a distinguished leader in the Senate, Senator Bill Ketron serves as the Chairman of the Republican Caucus and is a member of the Finance, Ways and Means Committee, the Ethics Committee, and the State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, perhaps most impressive among his legislative triumphs was Senator Ketron's successful passage of the wine in grocery stores legislation, enactment of the photo identification requirement law, and his sponsorship of the coordinated school health bill that has put physical activity back in schools; and

WHEREAS, during his legislative tenure, Senator Ketron has rendered sterling service as a member of the Government Operations Committee; the Education Committee; the Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee; the Commerce, Labor and Agriculture Committee; and the Transportation Committee; and as Chairman of the State and Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University, Senator Bill Ketron is the co-founder and first president of the MTSU Blue Raider Athletic Association, president of the Rutherford Volunteer Fire Department, president of the National Exchange Club, and board member of the Rutherford County Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Bradley Academy Board of Directors, Bill Ketron served as state president of the Professional Insurance Agents of Tennessee and national president of the Foundation for the Prevention of Child Abuse; and

WHEREAS, an Eagle Scout and graduate of Leadership Rutherford, Senator Ketron is a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons and a Shriner; and

WHEREAS, a faithful member of First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro, Senator Ketron enjoys the love and support of his wife, Theresa, and their daughter, Kelsey; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ketron's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Bill Ketron is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Senator Bill Ketron for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Chairman of the Fiscal Review Committee and extend to him our warmest congratulations on a job well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.